

below-identified attorney if he thinks more discussion would be useful.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 28 as follows.

28. (Amended) A method of determining whether a test compound affects vasculogenesis of allantois tissue *in vitro* comprising the steps of:

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- a) isolating allantoic tissue,
 - b) culturing said allantoic tissue *in vitro*,
 - c) treating the allantoic tissue with a test compound; and
 - d) observing vasculogenesis originating in the allantoic tissue, wherein an alteration in the vasculogenesis of allantoic tissue treated with the compound as compared to allantoic tissue not treated with the compound indicates that the compound alters vasculogenesis of allantoic tissue.
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REMARKS

Claim 27 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). In light of Applicant's interview with Examiner Wilson, the amendments above and the arguments below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.